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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Li-Chung Hsu *et al.*  
 Serial No.: 10/578,976 Group No.: to be assigned  
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 Entitled: **METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR REDUCING MICROBIAL  
 INDUCED APOPTOSIS**

# PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application as described in the amendments to the Specification and remarks provided herein.